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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, it is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the document(s) listed on attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record.

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CA 2,324,313 in the 1449 form corresponds to DE 19812097.

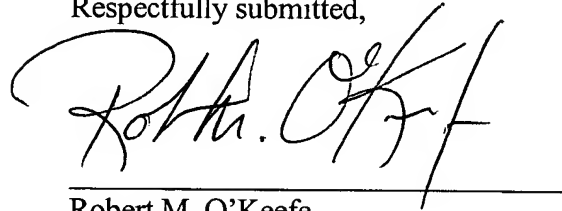
The relevance of DE 1964736 is that it was cited in the search report for PCT/US00/19318 (WO 01/05572), which is assigned to the assignee herein.

In addition, the examiner's attention is drawn to the following co-pending applications: SN 10/031,302, a nationalization of International Application No. PCT/US00/19318 (WO 01/05572); SN 10/031,625, a nationalization of International Application No. PCT/US00/19319 (WO 01/05573), and SN 10/031,304, a nationalization of International Application No. PCT/US00/19320 (WO 01/05574), which list includes the present applicant and which applications all share common priority documents. The examiner's attention is also drawn to co-pending applications SN 09/980,908, filed October 26, 2001 and SN 10/129,466, filed March 3, 2002. SN 09/980,908 is a U.S. nationalization of WO 00/66056, which published on November 9, 2000, which claims priority to DE 19919397.5, filed April 28, 2000. SN 10/129,466 is a nationalization of WO 01/32417, published May 10, 2001, which claims priority to DE 19953039, filed November 3, 1999.

A copy of the listed document(s) required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2) is enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

Applicant respectfully requests that the listed document(s) be made of record in the present case.

Respectfully submitted,

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